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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT U. S. ARMS BAN; HARARE

The recent U.S. arms export embargo on Zimbabwe has received significant play in the Zimbabwe's independent newspaper. The government-controlled print and electronic media has, so far, ignored the story. However, the April 19 edition of the country's only independent daily "The Daily News" carries a wire article by Reuters News Agency on page one, under headline "U. S. widens sanctions by slapping ban on sale of defense equipment." The April 18 edition of the independent financial weekly "The Financial Gazette" also printed the Reuters story on page 54, under headline "U. S. bans defense equipment sells to Zimbabwe."

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